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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 15 October 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

See Continuation Sheet


Continuation of 1 (e) Entered in part. See explanation: 1. The amendment to independent claims 1 and 7 has been entered.

2. However, the amendment to claims 5 and 6 has not been entered.

Independent claim 5 was amended (see line 3) to recite the limitation "wherein input video data of each pixel is converted into output data". Dependent claim 6, however, recites the limitation "a first gray scale area for the video input data" in line 3. That limitation would be improper for lacking of antecedent basis. A new question of patentability would affect the claims. In order to avoid the 112 rejection, the consideration under 35 U.S.C. 312 to claims 5 and 6 has not be entered.


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